

# Alaska Anthropological Association Newsletter



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## **2008 Annual Meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association**

*Polly Wheeler*

Meeting Organizing Committee

The 35th annual meetings of the Alaska Anthropological Association will take place **February 27- March 1, 2008** at the Hilton Hotel in Anchorage. An opening reception will be held on Wednesday, February 27, 2008 from 6 to 9 pm at the Hilton.

This year's luncheon speaker will be Julie Cruikshank, Professor Emerita of Anthropology, University of British Columbia. Dr. Cruikshank will speak on Saturday afternoon; her talk is entitled "Encountering Glaciers: Two Centuries of Stories from the Saint Elias Icefields." This year's dinner speaker will be Dr. Patricia Sutherland, Curator, Archaeological Survey of Canada, Canadian Museum of Civilization. Dr. Sutherland will speak on Friday evening on Norse Native contact in the eastern Arctic.

**Reservations** can be made directly with the Hilton Hotel at 907/272-7411 or on-line at: [http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/ancahhf\\_aas/index.jhtml](http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/ancahhf_aas/index.jhtml). **Book by January 23, 2008** to ensure room availability. Cost is \$88 + tax per night for a room with one king or two double beds.

The deadline for session organizers, papers and poster abstracts is **December 30, 2007**. Please submit all abstracts electronically to Rachel Mason ([rachel\\_mason@nps.gov](mailto:rachel_mason@nps.gov)) or Polly Wheeler ([polly\\_wheeler@fws.gov](mailto:polly_wheeler@fws.gov)) by that date. For paper abstracts, please specify the session you wish to present in (if known), and whether or not you have contacted the session chair.

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## **Something New!!**

**You will need to register  
for the aaa meetings and  
pay your membership dues  
on two separate forms.  
See pages 3 and 7.**



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Abstracts should be no longer than 100 words, and should be accompanied by the name, affiliation, mailing and e-mail addresses, and phone number for each author. They should also specify if the abstract is for a contributed paper, a symposium paper, a symposium, or a poster. Please submit all information via email as MS Word file attachments in a standard font with no elaborate formatting or photos.

As of December 3rd, planned sessions include:

- Racism in Anchorage: Personal and Public Stories (Patricia Partnow)
- General Aleutian Session (Allison Young McLain)
- Underwater Archaeology and Submerged Cultural Resources in Alaska (Jason Rogers)
- Thirty Years of Archaeology at the Amaknak Bridge Site (Michael Yarborough)
- The Benefits of Cultural Resources Management (Karlene Leeper)
- Ethnobiology in Alaska (Olga Lovick, Siri Tuttle)
- Nelson Island Natural and Cultural History Project (Ann Fienup-Riordan, Calista Elders Council)
- The Ethnography of Relationality: Creating, Experiencing and Being in a Relational World (Josh Wisniewski)
- Collaborative Research: The Central Aleutians Archaeological and Paleobiological Project (Dixie West)
- The Archaeology of Alpine and Montane Environments (Brian Wygal)
- Symposium in Honor of Don Dumond (Herbert Maschner and Owen Mason)
- The Dene-Yeniseic Hypothesis (James Kari).

## ALASKA ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

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*The purpose of the Alaska Anthropological Association is to serve as a vehicle for maintaining communication among people interested in all branches of anthropology; to promote public awareness and education of anthropological activities and goals; to foster sympathetic appreciation of the past and present cultures of Alaskan peoples; to encourage Alaskan Natives to participate in the elucidation of their respective cultures; and to facilitate the dissemination of anthropological works in both technical and non-technical formats. Membership is open to any individual or organization indicating interest and concern for the discipline of anthropology. The Association holds its annual meeting during March or April of each year and generally publishes four newsletters each year.*

*The membership cycle begins each year on January 1. Annual membership dues include a subscription to the Alaska Journal of Anthropology. Dues are \$40.00 for student members and \$75.00 for regular members. Checks or money orders, in US dollars, should be made out to the Alaska Anthropological Association. To become a member, send a membership form and payment to the Alaska Anthropological Association at P.O. Box 241686, Anchorage, Alaska 99524-1686, USA. Items for the newsletter may be sent to the editor, Becky Saleeby, at the above address, attention "Newsletter Editor," or to becky\_saleeby@nps.gov.*

**\*\* ALASKA ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION MEETING REGISTRATION \*\***

Please note, due to a recent change in membership fee structure and timing, the 2008 meeting registration form is ONLY for aaa Conference Registration. Membership dues and donations are accounted for on a separate form.

**Please use one form per registrant and photocopy this form for multiple registrations. Please print.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation as you want it to appear on your name tag: \_\_\_\_\_

	<b>Before</b>	<b>After</b>	
Registration Fee:	February 1st	February 1st	
Regular/Institutional	\$100	\$120	\$ _____
Student (currently enrolled)	\$ 50	\$ 65	\$ _____
Nonmember	\$110	\$130	\$ _____
Nonmember daily rate	\$ 35	\$ 35	\$ _____

**Friday Banquet** (February 29, 2008) Speaker: Patricia Sutherland, Curator, Archeological Survey of Canada, Canadian Museum of Civilization  
 Cost: \$42.00 (mark your meal selection)

Halibut \_\_\_\_\_ Steak \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Entree \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Luncheon** (March 1, 2008) Speaker: Julie Cruikshank, Professor Emerita, Department of Anthropology, University of British Columbia

Buffet with chicken or pork or vegetarian entrée (Cost: \$30.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

A reception is planned for Thursday evening, 6-8 pm at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art in honor of the exhibit: *“Yuungnaqpiallerput/The Way We Genuinely Live: Masterworks of Yup’ik Science and Survival.”*

To help us estimate how many people to expect, please check here if you plan on attending.

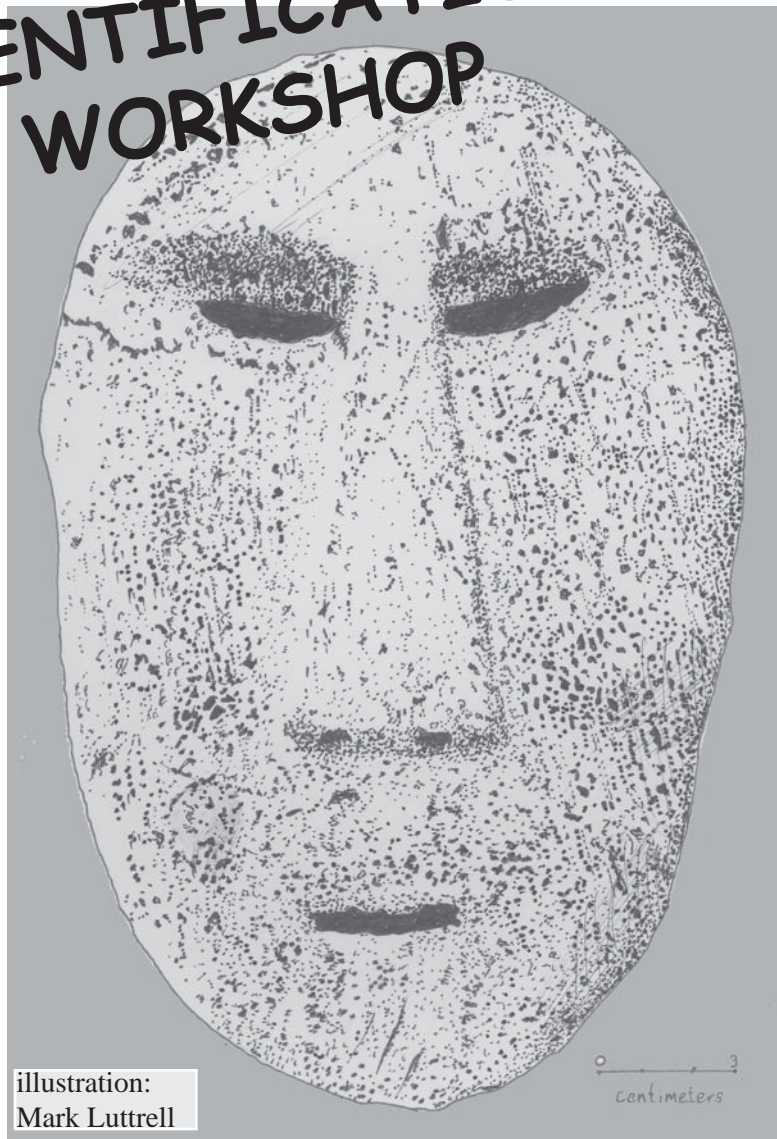
To pay by check, please make checks payable to the Alaska Anthropological Association. Mail to:  
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The Alaska Consortium of Zooarchaeologists  
Presents its 9th Annual Workshop  
Wednesday, February 27, 2008  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Hilton Hotel

**BONE, ANTLER, IVORY  
IDENTIFICATION  
WORKSHOP**



check [www.akzooarch.org](http://www.akzooarch.org) for registration



# Special Interest Group News



**Alaska Consortium  
of Zooarchaeologists**  
*Debbie Corbett*



**Public Education Group**  
*Heather C. Hall*

We met on Friday, December 7 to discuss various items of business, including our upcoming workshop. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 27, 2008, for the 9th annual ACZ workshop to be held in conjunction with the aaa meetings. This year we will be focusing on the identification of bone, antler, and ivory. Please consider attending! We are now lining up potential instructors. Details about registration and workshop location will soon be on our web page ([www.akzooarch.org](http://www.akzooarch.org)).

We also discussed the possibility of launching a short report series, entitled "Current Zooarchaeological Research." It would include short faunal reports that now can only be found in the gray literature. We will continue to seek information about interest in such a publication and about sources of funding for lay out and printing.

Our final order of business was discussion about the aaa meetings in 2010. We decided to submit a proposal to the aaa board, offering to co-sponsor the meetings in two years. I will be contacting the co-chairs of the Public Ed Group to inquire as to whether they might be willing to be the second co-sponsors.

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If you have comments or questions please send them to me:

Heather C. Hall ([hchall@fs.fed.us](mailto:hchall@fs.fed.us))  
Zone Archaeologist-Glacier Ranger District  
Glacier and Cordova Ranger Districts  
Chugach National Forest  
907-754-2327.

To celebrate and recognize the anniversary of the Iditarod Trail, the 2008 Alaska Anthropology Month poster will be dedicated to highlighting the various modes of transportation on the trail. The U.S. Forest Service is working together with Iditarod Inc., the Bureau of Land Management, and other agencies to gather images of historic scenes and also of historic sites, features and artifacts recently documented along the route.

While the Iditarod is important in modern Alaska as an exhilarating race of dog teams and of human endurance, the history of this route will be remembered for the mail carriers with dog teams, cargo sledges led by horses, and even bicycles on the annual poster. The Public Education Group is working together and meeting monthly to finalize the design and information. From the Forest Service, the Chugach Design Group's graphic artist, Charles Lindemuth is creating this memorable poster. The final poster will be ready for printing in January.

I am especially interested in the history of the Iditarod since my grandfather from Norway worked as a mail carrier by dog sled in the early 1900's. Lars Torhus Vig ran the mail from Hope to Knik and later worked as a gold miner in Flat and Iditarod. The Norwegian immigrants to Alaska contributed to the exploration and growth along the Iditarod Trail Route creating many tales and memories of adventure, friendship and endurance.



<http://www.iditarod.com/teachers/>

## Notes from the Membership

### New Paleoanthropology Handbook

Wally Olson

Auke Bay, Alaska



I am reading volume one of a new three-volume Handbook of Paleoanthropology. I checked it out from the Egan Library at UAS. I am not a paleoanthropologist, but am finding it most interesting.

It is out of the price range of the average person, about \$1,000 for the three-volume set! But university libraries or other offices may want to get it as a references work. Teachers might want to use some articles for their classes.

I don't think anyone could write a complete review, since the work is so large and so new, that it will take a long time before most scholars can plow through it. However, someone who is knowledgeable about paleoanthropology, might be able to just look over the table of contents, see who the authors are and the topics, and provide a summary.

Here is the whole citation:

*Handbook of Paleoanthropology: Principles, Methods and Approaches*, edited by Winifried Henke and Ian Tattersall, in collaboration with Thorolf Hardt. Springer-Verlag, Berlin, Heidelberg, New York 2007. ISBN 13:978-3-540-32474-4  
Apparently there is also an electronic version: ISBN 978-3-540-33761-4.

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### Reading List for Dene-Yeniseic Symposium

Andrea L. Berez

PhD student, Dept. of Linguistics  
University of California, Santa Barbara

The University of Alaska Fairbanks Rasmuson Library Electronic Reserves system is hosting the reading list for the **Dene-Yeniseic Symposium**.

From this site you can access electronic versions of readings, lists of further recommended readings, and information about the symposium.

To access the Electronic Reserves, either go directly here: <http://eres.uaf.edu/coursepage.asp?cid=919>.

Or you may do the following:

1. Go to the E-Reserves search page here: <http://eres.uaf.edu/courseindex.asp>
2. Search on either of the following:
  - Alaska Native Languages (ANL) course 301
  - Instructor: Kari, James
3. Click on "Dene Yeniseic Symposium, Spring 08"

The password is D-Y.

You will find three folders: "Symposium News", "Beginning Readings" and "Further Readings."

Questions or comments about the Symposium should be directed to Dr. Jim Kari [ffjmk@uaf.edu](mailto:ffjmk@uaf.edu).

Dr. Kari is accepting abstracts of 75-100 words in length by Dec. 14 for those wishing to speak at the Feb. 29 symposium in Anchorage or who want to talk at the seminars at UAF on Feb. 26-27.

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### Dr. Sven

*an anonymous member*

You may remember that Dr. Sven Haakanson Jr. was in the news recently because he was awarded a MacArthur Foundation "genius award." Dr. Sven made the news again with yet another award. This time the honors come from *People* magazine. In the "Sexiest Man Alive" issue of *People*, published November 2007, Dr. Sven shows up on page 122. He is billed as the *Sexiest Anthropologist!*

He is quoted as saying: "I lived in Siberia in primitive conditions. The thing I can't live without is my family. Everything else I can do without....I love working with my hands. Sometimes I make masks or bowls from wood I find on the beach. I love chopping wood. It's good physical exercise."

# ALASKA ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

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### Membership and Journal Subscription\*

Regular: 1 year \$75 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 years \$140 \_\_\_\_\_

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one subscription) Name of Partner \_\_\_\_\_

Institutional: 1 year \$150 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 years \$300 \_\_\_\_\_

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\*Please add \$8 per annual subscription for postage to Canada and \$15 outside North America

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## PUBLICATIONS

	Non-Member	Member	(Qty) Total
<b>Aurora Monograph Series</b>			
When Our Bad Season Comes by Ann Fienup-Riordan	\$28.00	\$22.40	_____
Lake Minchumina Prehistory by Charles E. Holmes	\$15.00	\$12.00	_____
Bibliography and Index of Alaskan Archeology by C. Eugene West and Richard O. Stern	\$10.00	\$ 8.00	_____
The Hidden Falls Site edited by Stanley D. Davis	\$28.00	\$22.40	_____
In the Belly of the Whale by Glenn W. Sheehan	\$28.00	\$22.40	_____
Ellikarrmiut: Changing Lifeways in an Alaskan Community by Dennis Griffin	\$26.00	\$20.80	_____
<b>Alaska Journal of Anthropology</b>			
<b>(Back Issues)</b>			
Volume 1, No. 1	\$20.00	\$10.00	_____
Volume 1, No. 2	\$20.00	\$10.00	_____
Volume 2, No. 1-2	\$20.00	\$10.00	_____
Volume 3, No. 1	\$20.00	\$10.00	_____
Volume 3, No. 2	\$20.00	\$10.00	_____
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Volume 4, No. 1-2			
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**ALASKA ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION  
BOARD ELECTION  
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

**EDITOR'S NOTE: PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS HAS BEEN CHANGED. IT IS NOW JANUARY 15, INSTEAD OF FEBRUARY 1, AS STATED PREVIOUSLY.**

Two positions will be opening on the Alaska Anthropological Board in 2008. Board members Owen Mason and Dan Odess have each served two terms so they are not eligible for nomination. **Remember that it is your responsibility to nominate only those willing to serve.** Nominees must be members of the association.

Please use this form to make nominations. The names of candidates who are nominated the most times (sometimes it is only twice!) will appear on the ballot in the February newsletter. Candidates included on the ballot in the February newsletter will be asked to supply a few lines of biographical information.

**Please return this form no later than January 15, 2008**

Your nominations:

Board Member \_\_\_\_\_

Board Member \_\_\_\_\_

Current Association officers are:

President - Aron Crowell

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Lisa Frink

Daniel Odess

Owen Mason

Daniel Monteith

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# Research Opportunity

## Bureau of Land Management - University of Alaska Museum Archaeological Collections Research Fellowship

*James Whitney*

University of Alaska Museum of the North

**Description and Eligibility:** The University of Alaska Museum of the North (UAM) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Fairbanks are co-sponsoring a research fellowship to cover expenses to conduct research with existing archaeological collections at UAM. The museum's archaeological collections include significant holdings from all periods of human occupation of Alaska. In particular, the BLM has more than 1,300 accessioned collections at UAM, containing an estimated 500,000 to 700,000 artifacts. In their proposal (see Application Procedure, below), the successful candidate for this fellowship will use, at least in part, BLM collections at the museum. Applicants must be currently enrolled graduate or undergraduate students, and eligibility is NOT restricted to University of Alaska students. Research projects must be done primarily at the museum, using existing archaeological collections, although projects may also use other collections, including those from other UAM departments.

**Application procedure:** Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the Archaeology Collections Manager, James Whitney (fnjww1@uaf.edu; 907-474-6943), to discuss prospective projects prior to submission for help in identifying an appropriate collection(s). They should then submit a proposal describing (1) their research questions and methods, (2) collections to be used, (3) proposed work schedule. Chosen students are responsible for making all of their own travel arrangements and accommodations. The visit must be completed within a 1 month time frame prior to August 30, 2008. Awardees must submit a project description to be posted on the UAM website, two copies of a progress report outlining what was accomplished submitted by September 30, 2008, and two copies of a final report on their work once the research is completed.

Projects that require destructive analyses must obtain permission from the Curator of Archaeology and/or collection's owner before the application is submitted. Proposals are limited to a narrative of no more than five double-spaced pages in at least 12 point font, plus two pages for the applicant's CV, and one page each for work schedule and budget. Proposals should also include a letter from the student's academic advisor indicating support for the proposed research. Submit applications in MS Word or Adobe pdf format to fnjww1@uaf.edu. **Deadline: January 15, 2008**

**Review Process and Selection Criteria:** Proposals will be reviewed by UAM and BLM staff and will be judged on the basis of academic quality and feasibility.

**Award:** The maximum award is \$3000 including travel, lodging, and per diem.  
Notification: February 7, 2007

**Additional Information:** For additional information, please contact James Whitney, Archaeology Collections Manager at fnjww1@uaf.edu.

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